

H. Con. Res. 206, amended, to commend the soldiers and civilian personnel stationed at Fort Gordon and their families for their service and dedication to the United States and to recognize the contributions of Fort Gordon to Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and its role as a pivotal communications training installation, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 933; **Pages H13571–72**

Recognizing and honoring the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary: H. Res. 940, to recognize and honor the National Guard on the occasion of its 373rd anniversary, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 934; and **Pages H13572–73**

Recognizing the United States Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base for their success in achieving energy savings and developing energy-saving innovations during Energy Awareness Month: H. Res. 845, amended, to recognize the United States Air Force and Dyess Air Force Base for their success in achieving energy savings and developing energy-saving innovations during Energy Awareness Month, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nay vote of 409 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 935. **Pages H13597–98**

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3951, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Louisiana Avenue in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the “Roy Rondeno, Sr. Post Office Building”; **Pages H13573–74**

Ann Marie Blute Post Office Designation Act: H.R. 4017, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 43 Maple Avenue in Shrewsbury, Massachusetts, as the “Ann Marie Blute Post Office”; **Pages H13574–76**

Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research: H. Res. 35, to express the sense of the House of Representatives that Congress should provide increased Federal funding for continued type 1 diabetes research; and **Pages H13582–84**

Expressing support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness of and promote research into this challenging disorder: H. Res. 55, to express support for the designation of a National Prader-Willi Syndrome Awareness Month to raise awareness of and promote research into this challenging disorder. **Pages H13584–86**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Eight yeas-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H13570, H13571, H13571–72, H13572–73, H13597–98, H13598, H13599 and H13599–H13600. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 9 a.m. and adjourned at 11:24 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AFGHANISTAN STRATEGIC REVIEW

Committee on Armed Services: Continued hearings on Afghanistan: The Results of the Strategic Review, Part II. Testimony was heard from GEN Stanley McChrystal, USA, Commander, International Security Assistance Force (ISAF), and Commander, U.S. Forces Afghanistan (USFOR—A), Department of Defense; and Ambassador Karl W. Eikenberry, U.S. Ambassador to Afghanistan, Department of State.

U.S. EDUCATION STANDARDS

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on Improving Our Competitiveness: Common Core Education Standards. Testimony was heard from Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICE INFLATION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “Prescription Drug Price Inflation: Are Prices Rising Too Fast?” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PRIVATE/GOVERNMENT FORECLOSURE CRISIS RESPONSE

Committee on Financial Services: Held a hearing entitled “The Private Sector and Government Response to the Mortgage Foreclosure Crisis.” Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Herbert M. Allison, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Financial Stability; and Douglas W. Roeder, Senior Deputy Comptroller Large Bank Supervision, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency; Michael H. Krimminger, Special Advisor, Policy, Office of the Chairman, FDIC; and public witnesses.

JUDGE PORTEOUS IMPEACHMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Task Force on Judicial Impeachment continued possible Impeachment of United States District Judge G. Thomas Porteous, Jr., Part II. Testimony was heard from DeWayne Horner, Special Agent, FBI, New Orleans, Louisiana, Department of Justice; Alan Baron, Special Impeachment Counsel, Committee on the Judiciary; and public witnesses.

Will continue December 10.

DEATH PENALTY APPEALS—HABEAS CORPUS LIMITATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties held a hearing on the Impact of Federal Habeas Corpus Limitations on Death Penalty Appeals. Testimony was heard from Michael E. O'Hare, Supervisory Assistant State's Attorney, Civil Litigation Bureau, Office of the Chief State's Attorney, State of Connecticut; Gerald Kogan, Chief Justice (ret.), Supreme Court, State of Florida; and public witnesses.

TAX EXTENDERS ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a closed rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate on H.R. 4213, the Tax Extenders Act of 2009, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the bill. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard by Representatives Neal, Brady (TX), and Cao.

THE WALL STREET REFORM AND CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT OF 2009

Committee on Rules: Granted, by a non-record vote, a rule. The rule provides three hours of general debate on H.R. 4173, the Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2009, with two hours to be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services, 30 minutes to be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Agriculture, and 30 minutes to be equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill except those arising under clause 9 or 10 of rule XXI.

The rule provides that the amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The rule provides that the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion after general debate and that no further consideration of the bill shall occur except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House. The rule also provides that the Chair of the Committee of the Whole may entertain a motion that the Committee rise only if offered by the chair of the Committee on Financial Services or his designee. Testimony was heard by

Chairman Frank (MA), and Representatives Rush, and Bachus.

PUBLIC TRANSIT SAFETY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Public Transit Safety: Examining the Federal Role. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Transportation: Ray LaHood, Secretary; and Peter Rogoff, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration; Katherine A. Siggerud, Managing Director, Physical Infrastructure, GAO; Robert J. Chipkevich, Director, Office of Railroad, Pipeline, and Hazardous Materials Investigations, National Transportation Safety Board; Richard W. Clark, Director, Consumer Protection and Safety Division, Public Utilities Commission, State of California; and a public witness.

BRIEFING—NSA UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on NSA Update. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

Joint Meetings

DEPARTMENTS OF TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 3288, making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2009

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Policy, to hold hearings to examine creating jobs in the recession, 2 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine research parks and job creation, focusing on innovation through cooperation, 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness, to hold hearings to examine exports' place on the path of economic recovery, 2:30 p.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the new Afghanistan strategy, focusing on the view from the ground, 10 a.m., SD-419.